

# Are You Done with Sin? - 1 Peter 4

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V. 1-2 If you have really suffered in your body like Jesus did, a true Christian will also, as a result, be **DONE** with sin and rather, live the rest of his earthly life for the Will of God. (Matthew 6:33)

V. 3 Why? Because after enough suffering, your belly will be full and fed up with the fruit of sins like:

- Debauchery-Gross sensual indulgence (anything to escape {DISSIPATE} the worries and pressures of life) Matthew 6:33
- Lust-Any inappropriate desire (excessive eating, selfishness, greed, pornography)
- Drunkenness (intoxicated, unable to yield to God)
- Orgies-wild parties with unrestrained sexual activity
- Carousing-hanging out at bars and loud talking, shooting your mouth off.
- Detestable idolatry-Worship of self, materialism, money-anything that comes first before God. Matthew 6:31-33

V. 4 When content and not worried, worldly friends are confused when you don't join in their DISSIPATION-(escapism). Their human solution to "dissipate" (cause to disappear-like steam) their pressures and worries.

V. 5 We reap what we sow-unavoidable. You try to fight your own battles leaving God's solutions out, then God says "good luck, see how that works out for you."

V. 6 The reason the gospel is preached is so people can see man's way does **not** work and discover God's grace through the Holy Spirit.

V. 7 The answer: get a grip and **PRAY** because time is short.

V. 8-9 Then produce the fruit of the Spirit that will follow upon true repentance and baptism. Love each other fervently overlooking other's shortcomings and invite people into your home (hospitality) without bellyaching. Because this truly demonstrates Godly love by taking people under your wing and getting to know them in a personal way.

V. 10 God has given everyone a gift. (If you don't know what it is, ask your best friend) then use that gift with the power of the Holy Spirit (God's grace).

V. 11 And everything that you say make sure it comes from God's heart, not yours, and that can only come by asking God through prayer. 1 John 3:22

V. 12 Appreciate your trials, even if caused by you (which in most cases in my life, that's the way it is) James 1:2-3

V. 13 Because we are not perfect like Christ was, so we have a whole lot more opportunities to grow from our mistakes than He did! And in the process, we can become more like Him-never complaining just growing, anticipating the reward He will be bringing with him for us when he returns. (Revelation 22:12)

V. 14-16 Then to add icing to the cake, if you are insulted and suffer for obedience to Jesus Christ, then you are truly blessed with a special blessing from the Holy Spirit, because God notices that far more than just learning from our own sins and mistakes.

V. 17 Our time of judgment is now because we have the truth of God's word to differentiate from the lies of this world. But what about the world? Peter does not say, but Paul does give us a hint in Romans 11:32.

V. 18 It may seem hard to live a Christian life in a Satanically run world today, but the rewards are off the charts in comparison. That's why the first resurrection is called the better resurrection. (Revelation 20:6; Hebrews 11:35)

V. 19 If suffering is our calling in this life, let go and let God. Romans 8:18 ("I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us") nails it for us and gives us the motivation, incentive, and help we need to be **done with sin**.